

ORDINANCE NO. 023-75

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
FREE RIDES ON THE FIRST DAY  
OF SCHOOL FOR CHICAGO  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 2023 AND  
2024

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) desires to make public transportation readily accessible to all students and accompanying adults on August 21, 2023, which is the start date for Chicago Public Schools and other schools in the service area, and to encourage attendance; and

WHEREAS, The Authority also desires to make public transportation readily accessible to all students and accompanying adults in the service area on the start date in 2024 for Chicago Public Schools, and to encourage attendance; and

WHEREAS, Section 30 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, 70 ILCS 3605, authorizes the Authority to fix rates, fares, and charges for transportation, and to provide free transportation to students in attendance at public schools of school districts within or partly within the territorial limits of the Authority or at comparable private schools; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has partnered with Butcher Boy Cooking Oils through the Authority’s advertising agreement with Intersection Media, LLC to serve as the sponsor and offset a portion of the costs of the free fares on the first day of school for 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Authority desires to partner with a sponsor to offset the costs of free fares on the first day of school in 2024; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby establishes free fares for public transportation of all school-aged children and adults accompanying them on the first day of school in 2023, which is currently scheduled for August 21, 2023.

SECTION 2. The Chicago Transit Board hereby establishes free fares for public transportation of all school-aged children and adults accompanying them effective on the first day of school for Chicago Public Schools in 2024, as established by Chicago Public Schools.

SECTION 3. The Chicago Transit Authority has partnered with Butcher Boy Cooking Oils as a sponsor to help offset the costs associated with providing free fares for public transportation of all school-aged children and adults accompanying them on the first day of school in 2023.

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SECTION 4. The President of the Authority is authorized to accept donations and to accept a sponsorship to compensate the Authority for free rides provided to school-aged children and adults accompanying them on the transit system on the first day of school in 2024.

SECTION 5. All Chicago Transit Authority ordinances, bylaws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

July 12, 2023

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Secretary

July 12, 2023